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SUBJECT: TABLE TENNIS TABLES

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1) IN RESPONSE REFTTEL, EMBASSY CONTACTED JAPAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION (JTTA). JTTA SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THEIR STANDARDS FOR GRANTING APPROVAL TABLE TENNIS TABLES ARE BASED UPON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. HE STATED THAT TO DATE JTTA HAS NEVER RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR AN IMPORTED TABLE. THE JTTA SPOKESMAN ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF SUCH AN APPLICATION WERE RECEIVED AND THE IMPORTED TABLE CONFORMED TO THE JTTA STANDARDS, THERE IS NO REASON WHY IT WOULD NOT BE APPROVED.

2) THE EMBASSY ALSO CONTACTED THE U.S. FIRM'S PROPOSED DISTRIBUTOR IN JAPAN, MR. MORIMOTO, GENERAL MANAGER, DAIWA SEIKO, INC., AND INFORMED HIM OF THE CONTENTS OF THE EMBASSY'S CONVERSATION WITH THE JTTA AS OUTLINED ABOVE. MR. MORIMOTO DID NOT REGISTER ANY PARTICULAR APPREHENSION THAT JTTA WOULD REFUSE TO APPROVE AN IMPORTED TABLE ON THE BASIS OF ITS NOT BEING OF JAPANESE ORIGIN. HE STATED THAT HE HAD NOT YET SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR THE ESCATADE TABLE TO THE JTTA FOR APPROVAL. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE WOULD FILE SUCH AN APPLICATION AND KEEP THE EMBASSY INFORMED AS TO THE JTTA DECISION.

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3) THE EMBASSY WILL AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF JTTA ACTION ON

THE ESPLANADE TABLE. IN THE EVENT THA MR. MORIMOTO RE-
PORTS AN UNFAVORABLE RULING BY JTТА, THE EMBASSY
WILL INVESTIGATE FARTHERANY INDICATION OF THE EXISTENCE
OF A DE FACTO NON TARIFF BARRIER.

4) COPIES OF JTТА UMPIRE BOOK AND TABLE TENNIS
RULES WHICH INCLUDE TABLE SPECIFICATIONS ARE BEING
FORWARDED UNDER COVER OF SEPARATE TELEGRAM.
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